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Sir,

Enclosed please find a signed Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 relating to an Office Action
mailed on March 17, 2004 for the above-captioned application.

Respectfully,

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Sir:

We, Takeshi Aikiyo, Takashi Koseki, and Chihomi Furuhashi are joint inventors in the above-captioned patent application. We have thoroughly reviewed the Office Action mailed on November 6, 2002. In addition, we have carefully reviewed the reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,385,222 B1) cited by the Examiner, for which Takeshi Aikiyo is the sole inventor. Following an analysis of this reference in respect to the present application, we declare that:

1. Takeshi Aikiyo is the sole inventor of the subject matter that is claimed in claims 1 -3, 5-11, 21-22, 25-26, 29-31, 36-38, and 41-42 of the instant application.
2. Takeshi Aikiyo, Takashi Koseki, and Chihomi Furuhashi jointly invented the subject matter that is claimed in claims 12-18, 23-24, 27-28, 32-35, and 39-40 of the instant application.
3. U.S. Pat. No. 6,385,222 B1 and the present application (No. 09/884,147) were both subject to an obligation of assignment to the same entity, namely the Furukawa Electric Co., Ltd., Tokyo (JP) at the time of invention.

4. We acknowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

5. All statements made of Declarant's own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

Signed,

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July 22, 2004
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July 15, 2004
Date

Chihomi Furuhashi
Chihomi Furuhashi

July 14, 2004
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